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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - APRIL 14

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR APRIL 14,
1977:

SPOKESMAN: HIS EXCELLENCY ABD AL-HALIM KHADDAM, DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SYRIAN ARAB
REPUBLIC HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF SECRETARY OF STATE
VANCE TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON APRIL 21 TO 23. THE
SECRETARY HAS INDICATED TO MR. KHADDAM THAT HE LOOKS
FORWARD TO CONTINUING THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND EFFORTS AIMED
AT ACHIEVING A JUST AND A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. THE MINISTER WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
DURING HIS VISIT.

Q. IS THIS IN LIEU OF THE MEETING OF PRESIDENT ASAD OR IS
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THAT STILL PLANNED?

A. NO, THIS IS NOT IN LIEU OF IT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A
TIME AND PLACE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT ASAD IS GOING TO COME FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. IT
OUGHT TO BE COMING VERY SOON. STRIKE "VERY." IT OUGHT

TO BE COMING SOON. WHAT IT IS PART OF IS SIMPLY PART OF
OUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH SYRIA ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SYRIA BEING A KEY PARTICIPANT
IN THAT DIALOGUE, THOSE EFFORTS ARE GOING TO BE THE
CENTER OF HIS DISCUSSIONS HERE.

Q. DURING THE VISIT OF MR. KHADDAM, ARE THERE ANY MORE
DETAILS ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE, ON,
FOR INSTANCE, LEBANON? WILL THERE BE MORE DETAILS ON THE
DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. KHADDAM? IS THERE ANY MORE INFORMATIO-
N ABOUT WHAT ARE THE DISCUSSIONS GOING TO BE ON, FOR
INSTANCE, LEBANON?

A. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE HAVING WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF MIDDLE EASTERN NATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPER WAY THAT PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THAT REGION, AND THIS IS PART OF THAT PROCESS. I, INsofar AS THE DETAILS OF WHAT IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED, I DON'T HAVE ANY READOUT ON THAT. I WOULD SAY TO YOU, THOUGH, THAT THE MAJOR ISSUE THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED WILL BE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. LEBANON -- IS IT IN OR OUT?

A. THERE ARE MANY COMPONENTS TO WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND I'M NOT GOING TO GO DOWN AND LIST THEM FOR YOU. YOU ALL KNOW THEM BETTER THAN I DO.

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